

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the South Florida Tropical Fruit Plan;
 3 amending s. 603.204, F.S.; revising provisions relating to
 4 the plan; eliminating a requirement for the Commissioner
 5 of Agriculture, in consultation with the Tropical Fruit
 6 Advisory Council, to submit plans, reports, and budget
 7 requests relating to the tropical fruit industry to the
 8 Legislature; providing an effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12 Section 1. Section 603.204, Florida Statutes, is amended
 13 to read:

14 603.204 South Florida Tropical Fruit Plan.—

15 ~~(1)~~ The Commissioner of Agriculture, in consultation with
 16 the Tropical Fruit Advisory Council, shall develop and update,
 17 ~~at least 90 days prior to the 1991 legislative session, submit~~
 18 ~~to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of~~
 19 ~~Representatives, and the chairs of appropriate Senate and House~~
 20 ~~of Representatives committees,~~ a South Florida Tropical Fruit
 21 Plan, which shall identify problems and constraints of the
 22 tropical fruit industry, propose possible solutions to such
 23 problems, and develop planning mechanisms for orderly growth of
 24 the industry, including:

25 (1)(a) Criteria for tropical fruit research, service, and
 26 management priorities.

27 (2)(b) ~~Additional~~ Proposed legislation that ~~which~~ may be
 28 required.

29 (3)~~(e)~~ Plans relating to other tropical fruit programs and
 30 related disciplines in the State University System.

31 (4)~~(d)~~ Potential tropical fruit products in terms of
 32 market and needs for development.

33 (5)~~(e)~~ Evaluation of production and fresh fruit policy
 34 alternatives, including, but not limited to, setting minimum
 35 grades and standards, promotion and advertising, development of
 36 production and marketing strategies, and setting minimum
 37 standards on types and quality of nursery plants.

38 (6)~~(f)~~ Evaluation of policy alternatives for processed
 39 tropical fruit products, including, but not limited to, setting
 40 minimum quality standards and development of production and
 41 marketing strategies.

42 (7)~~(g)~~ Research and service priorities for further
 43 development of the tropical fruit industry.

44 (8)~~(h)~~ Identification of state agencies and public and
 45 private institutions concerned with research, education,
 46 extension, services, planning, promotion, and marketing
 47 functions related to tropical fruit development, and delineation
 48 of contributions and responsibilities. The recommendations in
 49 the ~~South Florida Tropical Fruit~~ plan relating to education or
 50 research shall be submitted to the Institute of Food and
 51 Agricultural Sciences. ~~The recommendations relating to~~
 52 ~~regulation or marketing shall be submitted to the Department of~~
 53 ~~Agriculture and Consumer Services.~~

54 (9)~~(i)~~ Business planning, investment potential, financial
 55 risks, and economics of production and use utilization.

56 ~~(2) A revision and update of the South Florida Tropical~~

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57 | ~~Fruit Plan shall be submitted biennially, and a progress report~~
58 | ~~and budget request shall be submitted annually, to the officials~~
59 | ~~specified in subsection (1).~~

60 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.